

**REMARKS**

Claims 8, 9, 17, 18, 23, 24 and 26-33 are currently pending in the present application, with claims 1-7, 10-16, 19-22, and 25 being canceled., and claims 26-33 being added..

The Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable consideration of the application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner feels that it would advance the prosecution of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 393032019712. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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